

for salary and fringe benefits; \$102,496 for supplies such as animals, fescue seed, and analytical material; \$15,269 for travel to scientific meetings to present the results of these studies; and \$4,000 for publication of the results of these studies. These funds are only for the University of Missouri and allow researchers at these 3 institutions to collaborate with ARS scientists to develop both plant and animal alternatives to ameliorate the annual impact on animals that have consumed tall fescue infected with a common endophytic fungus. The University of Missouri will provide a minimum of 50/50 cost share.

Project Name: Food and Agriculture Policy Research Institute, IA, MO, WI, NV
Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES); SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Curators of the University of Missouri

Address of Requesting Entity: 316 University Hall, Columbia, MO 65211

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1,139,000 for the Food and Agriculture Policy Research Institute to provide objective, quantitative economic analysis of agricultural policy alternatives. Approximately \$188,000 or 17% is to continue a cooperative agreement with the University of Wisconsin relating to dairy policy; \$140,000 or 12% is to conduct analysis of rangeland, cattle and hay with the University of Nevada—Reno; \$811,000 or 71% is to be divided between the University of Missouri and Iowa State University to provide a ten-year baseline and policy analysis for U.S. and world agriculture.

Project Name: Mid-West/Mid-South Irrigation, Columbia, MO

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Agricultural Research Service; Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Curators of the University of Missouri

Address of Requesting Entity: 316 University Hall, Columbia, MO 65211

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$645,000 to conduct research on irrigation in the Midwest/Mid-South (Mw/MS), the region experiencing the highest increase in irrigated acreage in the USA. Irrigation research had traditionally been done in dry parts of the country. However, results from these arid studies from areas where it is continuously dry are not always appropriate to the Mw/MS conditions, which can experience droughty periods followed by heavy rains, has hard pan soils, and disease pressure from high humidity. Since the Mw/MS is a historically underserved area in regards irrigation research, its farmers were not as able to grow irrigated crops as profitably as they could. It is imperative that research be conducted to answer the question of how best to irrigate in a semi-humid area. Research is being done on crop response to water logging, on scheduling irrigation using sensors, on row configurations, on conserving energy, on managing field variability, and growing rice more profitably. The project is a cooperative effort between USDA/ARS and the University of Missouri. Approximately, 80% is for salary and benefits, 12% for supplies, 7% for domestic travel, and 1% for soil and plant tissue testing. The data gathered from these studies have already made a difference in the financial situation of area farmers. Approximately 20% of the irrigators

are using scientific irrigation scheduling, which is a much higher rate than most other regions of the USA. This has led to increases in yield that are worth about \$13,000,000 annually. The trend line of the regional averaged yield for irrigated crops is increasing at a higher rate than is the trend line for dryland yields. This is an excellent indication that irrigators are becoming more proficient, due in large part to the Midwest/Mid-South Irrigation Project.

Project Name: Rice Agronomy, MO

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES); SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Curators of the University of Missouri

Address of Requesting Entity: 316 University Hall, Columbia, MO 65211

Description of Request: For Rice Agronomy, MO (CSREES), provide an earmark of \$174,000 to complete a rice agronomy project being conducted at the Delta Research Center. Approximately, \$139,200 [or 80%] is for salaries and \$34,800 [or 20%] is for supplies. The specific objective of the MU Rice Project is to develop production practices adapted to the Upper Mississippi Delta to maximize yield while protecting the environment. The project is being administered through the Delta Center by University of Missouri—Extension.

Project Name: Rural Policies Institute, IA, MO, NE

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Curators of the University of Missouri

Address of Requesting Entity: 316 University Hall, Columbia, MO 65211

Description of Request: For Rural Policy Research Institute (RUPRI), University of Missouri, to provide an earmark of \$835,000 to support the ongoing activities of the Rural Policy Research Institute (RUPRI). Of the \$835,000, \$773,060 is for salaries and fringe and \$61,940 is for operating costs. Of the \$773,060 for salaries and fringe, \$379,159 (49%) is for national policy programs, including the Washington DC staff; \$212,834 (28%) is for the core staff in Columbia, MO; and \$181,067 (23%) is to support rural entrepreneurship, human services, and analytical programs. The approval of the earmark will unlock a further \$298,000 in commitments from Federal, foundation, and university sources.

Project Name: Regionalized Implications of Farm Programs, MO, TX

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES); SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Curators of the University of Missouri

Address of Requesting Entity: 316 University Hall, Columbia, MO 65211

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$595,000 for the Food and Agriculture Policy Research Institute (FAPRI) and the Agricultural and Food Policy Center (AFPC) for Regionalized Implications of Farm Programs to provide Congress with information regarding farm financial risk and farm structure and the impacts of alternative agricultural policies on these factors. Approximately \$244,000 or 41% is for FAPRI at the University of Missouri to

provide stochastic and deterministic baseline and policy scenarios and \$351,000 or 59% is for AFPC at Texas A&M University to provide representative farm analysis.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009:

Earmark: Arkansas Research and Technology Park, \$100,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN (AR—03)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Salaries & Expenses

Agency: Small Business Administration (SBA)

Name/Address: University of Arkansas Technology Development Foundation, 535 Research Center Blvd, Fayetteville, AR 72701

Description: The funding will be used to develop a new research facility at the Arkansas Research and Technology Park

Earmark: Arkansas School Resource Officer Program, \$500,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN (AR—03)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: OJP-Byrne Discretionary Grants

Agency: Department of Justice

Name/Address: Criminal Justice Institute (CJI) at the University of Arkansas, 7723 Colonel Glen Road, Little Rock, AR 72204

Description: The funding will be used by CJI's School Violence Resource Center to develop a program to provide education and training for school resource officers and school officials, provide safe school on-site assessments of Arkansas schools, and provide safe school crisis intervention and management.

Earmark: Arkansas Methamphetamine Education and Training Project, \$500,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN (AR—03)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: COPS Meth

Agency: Department of Justice

Name/Address: Criminal Justice Institute (CJI) at the University of Arkansas, 7723 Colonel Glen Road, Little Rock, AR 72204

Description: The funding will be used to provide the Arkansas law enforcement community with methamphetamine-focused courses that emphasize officer awareness and safety, effective management and investigation of methamphetamine-related cases, and the identification and rescue of Arkansas's methamphetamine-affected children.

Earmark: National Child Protection Training Center: Southern Region, \$500,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN (AR—03)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: OJP-Byrne Discretionary Grants
Agency: Department of Justice
Name/Address: North West Arkansas Community College, One College Drive, Bentonville, AR 72712

Description: The funding will be used to establish a national training center for the Southern region of the U.S. for the purpose of reducing cases of child abuse and improving support for victims of child abuse

Earmark: City of Fayetteville's Simulcast System for Public Safety Communication, \$500,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN (AR-03)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Agency: Department of Justice
Name/Address: City of Fayetteville, AR, 113 W. Mountain, Fayetteville, AR 72701

Description: The funding will be used for the purchase, installation and implementation of a three site ASTRO 25 LE simulcast radio system for emergency preparedness.

Earmark: City of Fayetteville wastewater system improvements, \$300,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN (AR-03)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Agency: Environmental Protection Agency
Name/Address: City of Fayetteville, AR, 113 W. Mountain, Fayetteville, AR 72701

Description: The funding will be used to continue the existing initiative of rehabilitation of the regional wastewater system and for infrastructure reconstruction.

Earmark: May Branch Flood Control Project, \$109,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN (AR-03)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Investigations
Agency: Corps of Engineers
Name/Address: City of Fort Smith, AR, P.O. Box 1908, Fort Smith, AR 72902

Description: The funding will be used to make improvements to the May Branch drainage way for flood damage reduction

Earmark: Pine Mountain Dam, Arkansas, \$478,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN (AR-03)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Investigations
Agency: Corps of Engineers
Name/Address: River Valley Regional Water District, 811 Fayetteville Avenue, Alma, AR 72921

Description: The funding will be used to complete the general reevaluation study and continue work on the EIS for construction of a lake for flood control, water supply, fish and wildlife enhancement and recreation.

Earmark: Ozark-Jeta Taylor Powerhouse, \$16,555,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN (AR-03)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Construction
Agency: Corps of Engineers

Name/Address: Corps of Engineers, 700 West Capitol Street, Little Rock, AR 72201

Description: The funding will be used to replace turbines with a new design to correct flaws that are causing extensive outages.

Earmark: White River Minimum Flows, \$5,000,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN (AR-03)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Construction
Agency: Corps of Engineers
Name/Address: Arkansas Game & Fish Commission, 2 Natural Resources Drive, Little Rock, AR 72205

Description: The funding will be used to continue work toward the implementation of Minimum Flows at Bull Shoals and Norfolk Dams on the White River pursuant to Section 132 of the FY2006 Energy and Water Resources Development Act (P.L. 109-103).

Earmark: Sparks Regional Medical Center Cancer Treatment Center, \$1,189,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN (AR-03)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: HRSA-Health Facilities & Services
Agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Name/Address: Sparks Regional Medical Center, 1001 Towson Ave, Fort Smith, AR 72917.

Description: The funding will be used to relocate and expand radiation therapy and oncology services to a central cancer center

Earmark: University of Arkansas Medical School (UAMS) IT Project, \$95,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN (AR-03)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: HRSA-Health Facilities & Services
Agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Name/Address: UAMS, 4301 W. Markham, Little Rock, AR 72205

Description: The funding will be used to purchase the equipment that will allow for both distance education for the Northwest Arkansas satellite campus, as well as telehealth in rural areas.

Earmark: North Arkansas College Health Science Facility, \$190,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN (AR-03)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Higher Education (includes FIPSE)
Agency: Department of Education
Name/Address: North Arkansas College, 1515 Pioneer Drive, Harrison, AR 72601

Description: The funding will be used to purchase equipment for the new allied health facilities at the South Campus.

Earmark: Razorback Transit System, Fayetteville, AR, \$570,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN (AR-03)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Buses and Bus Facilities
Agency: Federal Transit Administration
Name/Address: University of Arkansas, Transit and Parking Department, 155 Razorback Road, Fayetteville, AR 72701

Description: The funding will be used for environmental, security and bus upgrades.

Earmark: Statewide Bus and Bus Facilities, \$950,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN (AR-03)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Buses and Bus Facilities
Agency: Federal Transit Administration
Name/Address: State of Arkansas, Arkansas Highway and Transit Department, 10324 Interstate 30, Little Rock, AR 72203

Description: The funding will be used to supplement the State's current buses and bus facilities, as well as assist in the procurement of ADA vans and small buses for 250 community human service organizations.

Earmark: I-540 Interchange Improvements, Washington and Benton Counties, \$1,900,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN (AR-03)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Interstate Maintenance Discretionary

Agency: Federal Highway Administration
Name/Address: State of Arkansas, Arkansas Highway and Transit Department, 10324 Interstate 30, Little Rock, AR 72203

Description: The funding will be used to make improvements along I-540, including adding lanes at on and off ramps and adding capacity to cross streets to allow for the traffic coming from and going to the Interstate.

Earmark: Bella Vista Bypass, \$380,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN (AR-03)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities
Agency: Federal Highway Administration
Name/Address: State of Arkansas, Arkansas Highway and Transit Department, 10324 Interstate 30, Little Rock, AR 72203

Description: The funding will be used to continue work on the Bella Vista Bypass, which is a critical link to the completion of I-49.

Earmark: Rail Trolley Extension, Fort Smith, AR, \$237,500

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN (AR-03)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities
Agency: Federal Highway Administration
Name/Address: City of Fort Smith, P.O. Box 1908, Fort Smith, AR 72902

Description: The funding will be used for design and engineering for the western and eastern extensions of the existing electric trolley rail system, which will provide direct links with the Convention Center, Trolley Museum, Fort Smith Museum of History and the new U.S. Marshals Museum.

Earmark: Endophyte Research, \$994,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN (AR-03)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Salaries & Expenses
Agency: Agricultural Research Service
Name/Address: University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture, ALTH 214, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR 72704

Description: The funding will be used for the continuation of University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Endophyte research programs.

Earmark: National Center for Agricultural Law, \$654,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN (AR—03)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Salaries & Expenses

Agency: Agricultural Research Service

Name/Address: National Center for Agricultural Law, 107 Waterman Hall, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR 72701

Description: The funding will be used to continue programs at the National Center for Agricultural Law, the leading source of objective, scholarly and authoritative agricultural and food law research and information.

Earmark: Animal Science Food Safety Consortium, \$939,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN (AR—03)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: SRG

Agency: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service

Name/Address: University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture, E212 AFLS Building, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR 72701

Description: The funding will be used for the continuation of cutting edge research into all areas of poultry, beef and pork meat production from the farm to the consumer's table, including providing solutions for current priorities and long term anticipated needs.

Earmark: Geographic Information System, \$1,248,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN (AR—03)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: SRG

Agency: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service

Name/Address: University of Arkansas, JBFIT 304, Fayetteville, AR 72701

Description: The funding will be used for the continuation of the University's participation in the National Consortium for Rural Geospatial Innovations in America (RGIS), which is comprised of eight sites across the country that helps bring the benefits of geographic information systems and related spatial information technologies to rural and tribal America.

Earmark: Institute for Food Science Engineering, \$775,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN (AR—03)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: SRG

Agency: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service

Name/Address: University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture 1FSE, E212 AFLS Building, Fayetteville, AR 72701

Description: The funding will be used to carry out IFSE's research on value added processing, safety, nutritional value, packaging storage and distribution of food products.

Earmark: Appropriate Technology Transfer for Rural Areas, \$2,582,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN (AR—03)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Rural cooperative development grants

Agency: Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Name/Address: National Center for Appropriate Technology, 207 W. Center Street, Fayetteville, AR 72702

Description: The funding will be used for the continued operation of the ATTRA national program, which provides free technical assistance to farmers, ranchers and others in all 50 states seeking information on sustainable agriculture technologies, farm energy and information for marketing and adding value to farm products.

Earmark: Enhancing Agricultural Profitability through Specialty Crops, \$164,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN (AR—03)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: SRG

Agency: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service

Name/Address: University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture, E212 AFLS Building, Fayetteville, AR 72701

Description: The funding will be used to provide profitable production and processing systems new, innovative and transitioning agricultural producers and processors.

HONORING LEE RHYANT

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, in celebration of Black History Month, I want to continue recognizing African Americans from throughout Georgia's 11th Congressional District who have a major impact on their community.

Today, I rise to honor Lee Rhyant of Marietta, Georgia. For the past nine years, Lee has served as the Vice President and Site Manager for one of Marietta's most important and largest employers—Lockheed Martin. During his tenure at Lockheed, the company has continued to prosper—providing thousands of jobs for 11th District residents.

In addition to his success in the business world, we should all strive to emulate Lee Rhyant's thirst for education and learning. Lee holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Bethune-Cookman College, an MBA from Indiana University, and has attended London School of Business, MIT, Harvard, General Motors Institute, and the University of Michigan.

Lee and his wife, Evelyn Ingram Rhyant, have raised two wonderful sons—twins actually—who have followed their parent's example of hard work and have both become fine physicians.

Given his involvement in the business community of Cobb County and his active role as a wonderful father and family man, it is hard to believe that Lee has much time to devote to anything else.

However, despite his busy schedule, I could stand here on the House Floor for hours listing the different organizations to which Lee generously donates his time—including the United Way of Cobb County, the Atlanta Area Boy Scouts Council, the Board of Directors of Bethune-Cookman College, and the Safe America Foundation to name a few. Lee Rhyant is truly community service personified.

I ask that my colleagues join me in commending Lee Rhyant for his hard work and dedication to improving the lives of the people of his community.

HONORING THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE "WE THE PEOPLE" MIDDLE SCHOOL SHOWCASE COMPETITION

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to ask the House to join me in congratulating the remarkable students from The SEED Public Charter School and DC Preparatory Academy. Students from these schools participated in We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution Middle School Showcase on January 7, 2009 for the District of Columbia at the Charles Sumner School Museum and Archives and demonstrated a remarkable understanding of the fundamental principles of our nation.

The students participated in a simulated congressional hearing where they responded to questions on the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights from a panel of adult judges. They responded to questions about English philosopher John Locke's view of the purposes of government, the principles embedded in the Declaration of Independence, the compromises made at the Philadelphia Convention, how the Constitution protects our most basic rights, and rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

The We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution is administered by the Center for Civic Education and funded by the U.S. Department of Education under the Education for Democracy Act approved by the U.S. Congress. It is one of the best programs in the nation to promote a deep understanding of the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the principles they embody.

I would also like to congratulate teachers LaTonya Davis at DC Preparatory Academy and Ian Milne at The SEED Public Charter School who did an exceptional job preparing these young students. I also wish to commend Justin Rydstrom, the state coordinator for the We the People program in the District of Columbia. Special recognition should be given to the National Capital Lawyer's Auxiliary who provided volunteers to make the event a success.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased to submit the names of these young "constitutional experts" for special recognition by our colleagues in the House of Representatives and wish them the best of luck as they develop into the future leaders of our nation.

The SEED School: Dymond Andrews, Roshae Ball, Chandler Connelly, Ashley DaCosta, Jevian Gudger, Makayla Head, Joseph Johnson, Loria Pate, Janell Proctor, Michael Moore, Shamari Pratt, Latiece Smith, Daa'Jah Wallace, and Chardae Walter.

DC Prep: Tawfiq Abdul-Karim, Saqwan Adams, Rashawn Alexander, Hakeem Bello, Kyleisha Byrd, Deshaun Cannady, Jennifer Carter, Marc Childs, Carl Costley, William Delaney, Desmond Dixon, Jade Dixon, Shaquille Hall, Tony Hansford, DeVante Hendren, Lunden Hudgens, Aleia Johnson, Keith Kelly, Martin Marshall, Denzel Mitchell, Kenny Montague, Ken Mutamba, Ryan Perkins, Melissa Reid, Jessica Robinson, Renita Robinson, Jonnae Spann, Ricardo McCrary Steward, Wesley Tebo, Brianna Thomas,